

The Daily Oregonian

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A BRAUGART'S CLAIM.

When a man sets himself up for office it is the right and duty of the people to examine his public record and his character as a man as well. The more important the office the closer should be the examination. If a man's character cannot stand such examination he had better not be a candidate for office. Before the last election, J. H. Mitchell wrote to his followers here to form coalitions in his interest as candidate for senator. This game was to be carried on secretly, and in fact, was kept out of sight. Not a single county in the state would have elected delegates to the legislature known to be devoted to his interests. By liberal and reckless promises of favors, the secret plan was partly carried out, but its success was not complete and in the end it will certainly fail. But while there is but a possibility of Mitchell's election, his friends are loudly playing the game of brag. The situation is not unlike that of 1865. Then he said, as he now says through his organs and his henchmen, that his election was certain. Then his plan was to get the friends of Gov. Gibbs, also a candidate, into caucus when he proposed to "allow a good word saying." They went into caucus, and to the disgrace of Mitchell, nominated Gibbs in the first ballot. Then Mitchell's friends charged their tone of bold assertion to "strictly white" that the cause was not regular or fair, so some republican members of the legislature had not taken part in it. He again sat at the table, the caucus was over, and on the third ballot Gibbs was nominated by a majority of all the republicans in or out of the caucus. Then Mitchell's men bolted, no doubt under his advice. Three of the men who were in the bolt have since been appointed to office by Mitchell and two of them are still holding office. And no two of his henchmen are more anxious for his election than they. Both will be on hand at Salem in a few days, working for their master.

But Mitchell's game failed in 1865, and it will in 1882. His travelling striker is claiming all of the Multnomah delegation for him, and this impudent assumption of a place with his whole representation of strength. We do not believe that he will get half of the Multnomah delegation, and perhaps not more than three of its members. Mitchell's popularity, before the people was tested when Rich. H. Smith, a good man, and of good standing in the repub. party, ran for congress, and was forced by those same henchmen to stand on a plank in the platform endorsing Mitchell; and he did not receive 40 per cent. of the republican vote. But for that plank endorsing Mitchell, he could have easily been easily elected to congress as Richard Williams or M. G. George was. No sensible man doubts this. In what respect is Mr. Mitchell more popular now than then?

IMMIGRATION "AND THE SOUTH."

Hardy arsons of the southern paper comes out which does not contain some allusion to the now-state of things in the south. "All that is needed to insure progress," says the New Orleans *Advertiser*, "is a diversification of crops and industry; the success which follows this scientific method can be seen on the front of rumor to all eyes, and brings back encouragement and wealth." This comment is drawn forth by statistics which show that Alabama, a state from which as little progress is to be expected as from any, is raising something to eat, and her cotton will soon be nearly all profit, her cattle, hogs and sheep, her corn and cane, and vegetable crops providing sustenance for the people who formerly bought nearly all they ate and sold their cotton to pay for it. The *Advertiser* says of the independence which the people of the least desirable parts of Alabama have attained through the introduction of diversified agriculture: "It shows what we may expect as soon as our delightful climate is better known, and the possibilities of our soil more fully understood in the north and abroad." That is, the intelligent southerners are eagerly awaiting the time when there will be a great influx of population from the north and from the old world.

It is a significant fact that the great stream of immigration has not yet very little affected the south. Of the 240,000 immigrants who landed at Galveston in 1881, 200,000 went to Alabama, 35,000 to Florida, 22,000 to Georgia, 10,000 to Louisiana, 7,000 to Mississippi, 7,000 to North Carolina, 7,000 to South Carolina. As total immigration for the year was 950,000, and but few immigrants landed as far south as Baltimore, the conclusion of the south was very small. During the year ending with June 1882, the total immigration was 780,000, but there is no indication that the accession of the south was much greater than during the preceding year. But as the *Advertiser* intimates, immigration will be steadily increased, probably which the south is achieving. When it becomes known that the southern people will welcome all immigrants who wish to settle among them, and that the south is one of the most productive parts of the country, a movement similar to that expected, which has already been manifested by the rapid filling up of the greatest. Almost any prediction as to the growth of the south will be within bounds when once the immigrations set in strongly in that direction.

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"What has Mitchell done for the state?" is frequently asked now. It is hard to say. But another question is easier. *He has done for the United States treasury to the amount of several millions of dollars.* He was the plain manipulator of the scheme gotten up by a lot of speculators in San Francisco to enrich themselves at the expense of the people, by which a treaty was made with the Sandwich Islands under which sugar is admitted duty free. The government has lost the duty, but sugar has never been a *farthing* cheaper in this manner the government has been robbed for the benefit of a very few. Is not this we had a senator who will represent the interests of the people and not a set of speculating jobbers and star route mail thieves?

Iceland is a country of few resources, yet having a wonderfully intelligent population, the wealthiest of whom are passing rich on less than Goldsmith's £40 a year. Of late frequent volcanic eruptions have enlarged the lava beds that the small area of land and pasture has diminished. Hence the people have begun to emigrate, though strongly attached to their native soil. Now we are told a famine is imminent, on account of bad weather, and the meadow are spreading as an epidemic. Iceland is a dependency of Denmark, and the Danes may be expected to fly to the relief of their afflicted fellow subjects.

Massachusetts has got rid of the double taxation of mortgages which is so great an injustice in many states, both the mortgagor and the mortgagee being taxed for the full amount of the mortgage. The mortgagor now pays the whole tax, but he gains by the reduced rate of interest, with which the mortgagee is satisfied, since he has no tax to pay. Money can now be borrowed on mortgages for more than 1 per cent. less than formerly. Similar legislation is needed elsewhere.

If anybody doubts the statements of Tug Oregonian with reference to J. H. Mitchell's part in the Dalch transaction, he has today the opportunity to get at the truth. The case involving the matter comes up in Judge Stoff's court this morning, when the attorney will present their arguments. Let doubters, if there be any, go and hear both sides of the story.

The Mill Creek Flume and Manufacturing Co. has paid the dry dock, largely from the proceeds of the right of way for the dry dock extension of their

THE TIMBER, WORTH MORE THAN THE LAND ON WHICH IT GROWS.

NEW TO-DAY.

NEW MARKET THEATER.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The 15th, 16th and 17th September.

R. C. WHITE'S

SUNDOWN SEAS!

The Grand Picturesque of the

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The Lilliput Wonder, Queen Kitten,

In her Burlesque Imperial.

Miss Higgs-Kimball and Miss Laura White

In their Musical Melodrama.

Admission, Dress Circle, \$1.00

Admission, Boxes and Stalls, 50c

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